Acquisition of Helicopter for GAIL

1828. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarded Question 176 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Helicopter Corporation of India has since decided neither to acquire nor to take on lease small helicopter (4 to 6 seaters) from any foreign firms to be further supplied to GAIL or any other Government agency;

(b) whether in view of the above fact, Government propose to take a speedy decision to finalise the deal with reference to the tenders received by GAIL, for 2 small helicopters, nine months ago; and

(c) if so, by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir. No such decision has been taken.

(b) and (c) An offer has been received from M|s. Helicopter Corporation of India and this is being considered.

Completion of Low Temperature Carbonisation Plant in Calcutta

1829. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Low Temperature Carbonisation Plant (Dhankuni Coal Complex) of Coal India Limited, Calcutta has not yet been completed;

(b) whether the contractors appointed to execute the project have not yet achieved their respective target beyond 40 per cent;

(c) if so, what are the details of achievements made by each of them upto 31st March, 1986; and

(d) what further steps are contemplated for its early completion?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) Dankuni Coal Complex was sanctioned by the Government of India in 1980 with a cost estimate of Rs. 49.27 crores. Heavy Engineering Corporation was appointed as the turnkey contractor for the project. The project scheduled to be completed in 1984 has got delayed due to initial difficulties in land filling at site, import of technology and delay in procurement of equipment. Overall progress achieved is about 60 per cent of the total work. To ensure early completion of the project, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) Close monitoring of the project at various levels;

(ii) HEC, the turnkey contractor for the project has strengthened its supervision to streamline the work at site.

(iii) Work is in progress in two shifts.

(iv) Manpower is in the process of augmentation.

Proposals for thermal power projects in Maharashtra

1830. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Thermal Power Projects from Government of Maharashtra are pending with the centre and since how long; and

(b) by when the Central Government are likely to take a decision in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUS-